Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Originally we had a depth of one and a half inches of tar. But the new method we are going to try is of a depth of two and a half inches.

Appointment of Examiners for the various examinations.

203. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the principle adopted in appointing Chief Examiners and Assistant Examiners for various examinations such as S. S. L. C., III Form, Trained Teachers' Examinations, Industrial Examination, etc.;

(2) are there not many teachers in higher grades of service who have not been given examinerships till now;

(3) whether they will furnish a list of examiners, noting the subjects for which they were examiners against them;

(4) whether it is not the practice in British India to appoint examiners from B. A. and L. T.'s only?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) The principles are scholarship, efficiency, teaching experience and reliability.

(2) No; only very few.

(3) The list cannot be furnished as the period is not specified.

(4) No; with the exception of the S. S. L. C. Examination.

Schools recognised by Government but not given financial aid—list of.

204. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of the schools in the State, which have been given 'Recognition' but which do not receive any financial 'aid' from Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A list of such schools is appended. (*Appendix III*).

Sirkar Boys' High School, Vadakkancheri—abolition of.

205. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it contemplates the abolition of Sirkar High School for boys at Vadakkancheri, in the near future;

(b) and if so, on what ground?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Equipment of manual labour with mechanical power.

206. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question

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No. 26, dated 31st July 1933, regarding equipment of human labour with mechanical power, will the Government be pleased to show the results of their assertion 'I can make an attempt'?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Machinery to the extent of 4,127 H. P. are at present being used in the State, for works which before their advent were being done to a small extent by manual labour. This does not include the power used in motor cars and boats for transportation purposes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not this much of power being utilised even before this assurance of the greater utilization of the machine power ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—When I collected this information I estimated that 4,127 H. P. is used at present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Is it in any way in increse of what it was already ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I did not make the attempt to find out.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what further possibilities we have in this line ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say definitely.

License fee for motor boats—raising of.

207. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 29, dated 31st July 1933, regarding the raising of a license fee, will the Government state whether in Travancore the original license fee of the motor boats was not Rs. 4 per ton, whether they did not subsequently double it to Rs. 8 and whether it was not in copying the Travancore rates that our Government have arrived at their present rates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Cochin Canal Department have no information of the original rates that prevailed in Travancore. The prevailing rates are based on a tri-party agreement between Cochin, Travancore and the Madras Governments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Since answering this question was it not kindly admitted by the Hon'ble Member for Engineering that the rate was actually raised by the Travancore Darbar?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not remember. I do not know even now that the rates in Travancore have been raised.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, whether any attempt was made before answering this question to find out whether such a raising was effected in Travancore?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I looked into my files but could not find any.

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